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1. WE DISCUSSED SUMMARY U.S. VIEWS WITH CHOLLET AT
MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS. IN GENERAL HE SAW NO AREAS
OF DIFFERENCE WITH U.S. POSITION BUT THERE ARE SOME

NUANCES AS FOLLOWS.

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2. REGARDING RESOLUTION SIX, FRENCH AGREE BUT BELIEVE SOVIET UNION NOT PREPARED TO JOIN FAO OR WORK UNDER FAO UMBRELLA. FRENCH, THEREFORE, THINKING IN TERMS OF POSSIBLE AD HOC HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS, I.E., NOT INSTITUTIONALIZING THEM, TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE FRAMEWORK FOR SOVIET COOPERATION. THIS APPROACH COULD CONFLICT WITH OUR VIEW (PARA 2 REFTEL B) OPPOSING CREATION NEW BODIES, BUT FRENCH VIEW NOT YET FIRM ON HOW BEST TO HANDLE SOVIET PROBLEM.

3. REGARDING RESOLUTIONS NINE AND TEN, FRENCH AGREE THAT WFC IS NOT APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR NEGOTIATIONS. THEY SEE THE ISSUES AS MORE APPROPRIATE FOR US-EC BARGAINING IN CONTEXT OF LARGER MTN PACKAGE. WHATEVER SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCES WE HAVE, FRENCH ARE CERTAINLY STILL INTERESTED IN PRICE STABILIZATION OBJECTIVE, THEY UNLIKELY BE AIRED AT WFC.

4. AG MINISTER BONNET WILL HEAD FRENCH DELEGATION AT OPENING OF CONFERENCE, BUT HE PLANS STAY "ONLY FEW DAYS". AMBASSADOR LEBEL WILL THEN ASSUME CHARGE OF FRENCH DELEGATION. LEBEL IS FORMER AMBASSADOR TO MOROCCO AND SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH.
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